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High Water Conditions Predicted for Rend Lake

Rend Lake – In response to the predicted rainfall amounts, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Rend Lake is asking visitors to use caution while on the lands and water of Rend Lake. The lake Level for Rend Lake is currently at 411.30 NGVD. This is approximately 3.3 feet above the average level for this date. Projected Crest is 412.5 on April 28th.

Visitors to the Rend Lake area should be aware that when the lake level raises above 410' NGVD, that some recreation areas may be closed and adjacent county and township roads may become inundated by high water and flooding. Should these levels be reached, motorists should exercise caution when approaching low lying areas and never drive through flood waters. Boaters should be aware that high water conditions may conceal hazards which would normally be visible at average water levels.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will also be monitoring discharge water from the lake into the Big Muddy River. Current discharge into the river is approximately 1630 cubic feet per second (cfs). Predicted rains may significantly increase the discharge rate. At lake levels above 410 ft NGVD, discharge rates reach 1000 cubic feet per second and downstream flooding is expected. The National Weather Service will issue appropriate warnings if flooding is eminent downstream.

The Corps of Engineers at Rend Lake encourages you to always be cautious during high water conditions and practice safe driving techniques. For more information, contact the Rend Lake Project Office and Visitor Center at 618-724-2493.

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